NEW CLAIMS 9 AND 10 WITH EXEMPLARY REFERENCE NUMERALS

9. (New) The surgical instrument according to Claim 8, wherein the second link mechanism comprises a second up/down turn arm portion (14b) which is connected to the second treatment piece (12b) and which turns in the first direction with respect to a following arm and a second left/right turn arm portion (16) which is connected to the second up/down turn arm portion (14b) and which turns in the second direction with respect to the driving rod (5); and

the first link mechanism comprises a first up/down turn arm portion (39c) which is connected to the second operation handle (39a) and which turns in the first direction with respect to the following arm, and a first left/right turn arm portion (41) which is connected to the first up/down turn arm portion (39c) and which turns in the second direction with respect to the driving rod (5).

10. (New) The surgical instrument according to Claim 9, wherein a distance between a first shaft (13) pivotally connecting the first and second treatment pieces and a second shaft (15) pivotally connecting the second up/down turn arm portion (14b) and the second left/right turn arm portion (16) is equal to a distance between a first pivot (18) pivotally connecting the first and second operation handles and a second pivot (49) pivotally connecting the first up/down turn arm portion (39c) and the first left/right turn arm portion (41); and

a distance between the second shaft (15) and a third pivot (17) pivotally connecting the second left/right turn arm portion (16) and the driving rod (5) is equal to a distance between the second pivot (49) and a fourth pivot (42) pivotally connecting the first left/right turn arm portion (41) and the driving rod (5).